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SUBJECT: BERLIN AND DIRECT ELECTIONS TO EC PARLIAMENT

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1. IN NOVEMBER 10 BONN GROUP MEETING, UK REP (HITCH) INQUIRED AS TO WHAT THE SENAT HAD IN MIND BY SUBMITTING THE EC COUNCIL DECISION AND ANNEXED ARTICLES ON DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE AK AT THIS TIME.

2. FRG REP (DUISBERG) AND BERLIN VERTRETUNG REP (MEICHSNER) BOTH SAID THAT THE SENAT SUBMISSION WAS FOR INFORMATION ONLY. NO AK REPLY WOULD BE CALLED FOR BEFORE THE FRG LEGISLATION WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

3. REGARDING A TIMETABLE ON FRG LEGISLATION ON DIRECT ELECTIONS, DUISBERG REPORTED THAT THE FRG LEGISLATIVE ACT RATIFYING THE EC COUNCIL DECISION WOULD BE INTRODUCED INTO THE NEW BUNDESTAG BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR. THE ACCOMPANYING FRG ELECTION BILL WOULD BE TAKEN UP IN EARLY 1977. CONSIDERATION OF BOTH PIECES OF LEGISLATION SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN THE MIDDLE OF 1977.

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4. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) SAID THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE

SENAT HAD BEEN VERY HELPFUL. SUBMITTING THE EC COUNCIL DECISION TO THE AK WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE TIME REQUIRED FOR ACTION PERMITTED AMPLE TIME FOR STUDY AND WOULD ENABLE THE AK TO RESPOND PROMPTLY WHEN THE LEGISLATION WAS TO BE APPROVED.

5. WE WOULD THUS AGREE WITH ALLIED MISSION LEGAL ADVISERS THAT SENAT SUBMISSION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO BE FOR INFORMATION ONLY AND WOULD REQUIRE NO ALLIED ACTION UNTIL ACTIONS NOTED IN PARA 3 ARE COMPLETED. NOR WOULD WE SEE A NEED FOR SENAT TO WITHDRAW THE DOCUMENT.
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